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James MacReynolds  
County Administrator  
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Jim Burgett  
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Dear Mr. MacReynolds and Mr. Burgett:

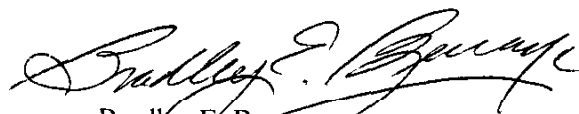
I am writing you on behalf of Caritas of Yorktown, Virginia. Caritas is a non-stock corporation organized for the purposes of promoting, first of all, the construction operation of a civic center in York County, and the promotion of charitable purposes throughout the county. I am sure you are familiar with our efforts. We are writing you to request that the Board of Supervisors, as a local governing body of York County, designate our association as exempt from taxation. Melanie Rapp, who recently appeared at one of our meetings as a speaker, suggested that we write you and request that the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution supporting our designation as exempt. We understand that after you act, then the General Assembly will be in a position to also act under the Constitution of Virginia. We also understand a public hearing is required in which citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard. In the publication, the assessed value of the real and tangible personal property owned by the organization is required to be indicated. Our organization is ready and willing to pay the cost of this publication as soon as that information is available.

We are proud to inform you that Caritas is exempt from taxation under section 501 (c). Caritas does not have a license for serving alcoholic beverages issued by the Virginia Alcohol Control Board. No Director or officer of the organization is paid compensation for salaries or other compensation for personal services. The only fees paid by Caritas in the past have been for attorney's fees and handling its annual corporate report. A considerable amount of the donations made to Caritas come from the York County Business Association, but Caritas does not receive any donations, contributions, or grants from any local, state, or federal authorities. Personal services provided for the benefit of the organization are provided by the members of the Caritas Board of Directors and by members of the York County Business Association. The organization provides services for the common good of the public. Caritas does not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation. The organization does not participate or intervene in any

political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. However in the past, members of both political parties have used Caritas facility to hold events. Caritas does *not discriminate against anyone on the basis of religious conviction, race, color, sex, or national origin*. The only revenue impact on York county will be the loss of real estate taxes which are currently paid, a copy of the assessment and tax bills included.

If there are any other criteria, facts, or circumstances which you think the Board of Supervisors would deem pertinent in considering the adoption of a resolution supporting Caritas's exemption from real estate taxes, please let me know.

Very truly yours,



Bradley E. Berrane

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